



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration to refer the recommendation of the Public Safety Building Needs Committee that the City Council explore construction of a new Police Station and three new Fire Stations to the Consultant Review Committee to formulate a Request for Proposals to secure the services of a professional project management company to evaluate the viability of that recommendations and propose next steps for further City Council consideration.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the last several years, City Council has discussed issues pertaining to the inadequacy and need for modernization of the existing public safety buildings, including the Police Station and Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3. Specifically, the City's Police Department's current physical space, built in 1980, is too small and does not adequately serve its increasingly diverse employee census and partnerships with State and Federal agencies. Concerning the City's Fire Stations 1 and 3, again, the facilities do not meet the needs of today's diverse workforce, with inadequate locker rooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas.

The Public Safety Building Needs Committee was created with the intent of serving as a temporary task force to further explore the issues surrounding the adequacy of current facilities and the possibilities for addressing them through renovation or redevelopment, as well as projected costs and potential funding or financing for the undertaking.

The Committee met on a number of occasions, toured the facilities, and secured a needs study from Redstone Architects for the various buildings. Following receipt of that report, the Committee received a recommended course of action from Public Safety Director Zinser that the City explore further explore building a new police station and new Fire Station 1 at the recently-acquired parcel at Eleven Mile and Lee BeGole

Drive and also explore construction of a new Fire Station 3 at City-owned property on Venture Drive and a new Fire Station 2 at a location to be determined.

The Committee met on March 20, 2024, and recommended that the City Council consider the Public Safety Director's recommendation with regard to the construction of the new buildings and that it also consider securing the assistance of a professional project management company to evaluate the viability of those recommendations and propose next steps using the recommendation as a framework. Based on that, it is the Administration's recommendation that the Council refer the matter to the Consultant Review Committee to formulate a Request for Proposals for such assistance along a path toward some or all of the recommended public safety improvements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Refer the recommendation of the Public Safety Building Needs Committee that the City Council explore construction of a new Police Station and three new Fire Stations to the Consultant Review Committee to formulate a Request for Proposals to secure the services of a professional project management company to evaluate the viability of those recommendations and propose next steps for further City Council consideration.